

# F260

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# **Solomon's Reign**

## **1. Ascension (1-2)**

## **2. Appearances**

- Advantage (3)**
- Admonition (9)**
- Apostasy/Assessment (10-11)**

## **3. Aftermath (12)**

### **1. Kingdom Splits**

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# **Solomon's Ascension**

- **Fallout from David's error with Bathsheba**
- **Adonijah's Behavior resembles Absalom's**
- **David loses fourth Lamb (Adonijah)**
- **David's Advice to Solomon (1 Kings 2:1-4)**

***"David told Solomon the one thing he needed to succeed, but he also showed Solomon the one thing he needed to fail."***

**1 Kings 2:1-4 – As the time approached for David to die, he ordered his son Solomon, 2 “As for me, I am going the way of all of the earth. Be strong and be a man, 3 and keep your obligation to the Lord your God to walk in his ways and to keep his statutes, commands, ordinances, and decrees. This is written in the law of Moses, so that you will have success in everything you do and wherever you turn, 4 and so that the Lord will fulfill his promise that he made to me: ‘If your sons guard their way to walk faithfully before me with all their heart and all their soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’**

# God's 3 Appearances to Solomon

1. **Advantage**: *Outset of Reign. Solomon loved the Lord. Asked for wisdom to rule well. God gives him this and so much more.*
2. **Admonition**: *Solomon starts acting like a Pharaoh. He divides Israel by districts instead of tribes. He has conscripted labor (slavery?). His building projects reveal that something is amiss. His heart is shifting (ironic because at birth he was nicknamed Jedadiah > "Beloved of YHWH." God appears for a second time after the temple is dedicated, but this time with a warning.*
3. **Assessment**: *Solomon slides into full-scale apostasy, systematically breaking the code for Kings from Deut. 17:14-20. His hundreds of wives (Pharaoh's daughter is always singled out) and concubines turn his heart away from the Lord to their gods, for whom he builds shrines and altars.*

Deuteronomy 17:14 “When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, take possession of it, live in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations around me,’<sup>15</sup> you are to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses. Appoint a king from your brothers. You are not to set a foreigner over you, or one who is not of your people.<sup>16</sup> However, he must not acquire many horses for himself or send the people back to Egypt to acquire many horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You are never to go back that way again.’<sup>17</sup> He must not acquire many wives for himself so that his heart won’t go astray. He must not acquire very large amounts of silver and gold for himself.

**Deuteronomy 17:18** When he is seated on his royal throne, he is to write a copy of this instruction for himself on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup> It is to remain with him, and he is to read from it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to observe all the words of this instruction, and to do these statutes. <sup>20</sup> Then his heart will not be exalted above his countrymen, he will not turn from this command to the right or the left, and he and his sons will continue reigning many years in Israel.”

## **Kingly Code (Deut. 17:14-20)**

## **King Solomon (1 Kings 3-11)**

**Do not set a foreigner over you**

**Marries Pharaoh's Daughter (3:1)**

**He must not acquire many horses for himself**

**Solomon had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen (10:26)**

**He must not send the people to Egypt for horses**

**Solomon sent people to Egypt to import his horses (10:28)**

**He must not acquire many wives**

**Solomon loved many foreign women (11:1)**

**He must not acquire large amounts of silver and gold for himself**

**Solomon used his wealth for personal aggrandizement (10:14-29)**

**He must meditate on these instructions daily (18-20)**

**COMPLETELY ABSENT FROM SOLOMON'S REIGN**

# **AFTERMATH**

## **1. From 1 Kingdom to 2 Nations**

- Following the example of Solomon, Rehoboam does not heed wise counsel.**

## **2. From Peace to Strife**

- Notice the connection to Egypt!**

## **3. From 1 Temple to Many Shrines**

- Notice the connection to Egypt!**